

RUSHVILLE CITY UTILITIES
601 W 3RD St.
Rushville, IN 46173

Minutes of the Utility Board Meeting, July 18, 2012
The Utility Board met at Rushville City Utilities Office @ 5:00 P.M.

Brian Bess called the meeting to order.

Roll Call was taken.

Board Members Present:

Brian Bess
Greg Coffin
Michael Singleton
Tim Sheehan
Phillip Starkey

Others present:

Les Day	Facility Manager
Gina Jenkins	Office Manager
Geoff Wesling	City Attorney
Jeff Peters	Wessler & Associates
Michael Pavey	Mayor

Tim Sheehan motioned to approve the board minutes from the June 20, 2012 meeting. Greg Coffin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Les Day reviewed the financial report for the month of June. The Water Operating report showed no N.P.D.E.S. violations for the month. There were 30.96 million gallons of water pumped, with 24.36 million gallons of water treated. Water plant personnel responded to 9 service calls for billings and customer requests. There were 5 customer requests to check for leaks. There were 15 line locates. . There were 64 connects and 49 disconnects for the month, with the total customers being 3,035.

The Operating Report for Wastewater showed no N.P.D.E.S. violations for the month. There were 21.78 million gallons of wastewater treated, for the month. It was reported that there was a total of .56 inches of precipitation, for the month.

There were 4 sewer complaints checked. There were 2,500 feet of sewer mains cleaned from sewer complaints. 18,000 gallons of septic sludge was accepted for the month of June. There were no dye tests ran.

Les informed the board of a customer complaint from Chuck Worth at 1115 N. Main Street. Mr. Worth had told Les that he had a leak that was due to the State Road 3 construction. The contractor that did the new construction was then contacted and came in and dug the customer's property up and found no leak between the house and the meter pit. Mr. Worth was given an adjustment for the sewer portion of his bill but still owes \$386.00 that he is refusing to pay. Mr. Worth told Les that City Utilities is responsible for paying to have the leak fixed. He sent an invoice for over \$1,000.00 to Les for his repairs. The board agreed unanimously that City Utilities will not pay the invoice and that Les needs to notify Mr. Worth to let him know that he has to pay the remainder of his bill that is still owed.

Gina Jenkins gave everyone a copy of a letter that she will send to Tony Gahimer concerning the amount he owes to City Utilities for the time that he unhooked from the city water main and hooked back into his well. The board agreed that the letter be sent to Mr. Gahimer to inform him that he will have loan payments added to his water bill for 12 months beginning with his August bill until the amount owed is paid.

Utilities Attorney, Geoffrey Wesling, updated everyone concerning Steve Mohler. A court case against Mr. Mohler was continued until August. Geoff would like to talk to Judge Hill about finding Mr. Mohler in contempt for not complying with the City Ordinance to hook up to city water, or possibly talking to the Rush County Health Department about condemning Mr. Mohler's property and having his well sealed up. Geoff will follow up.

Les told the Board that City Utilities had purchased a new copier for the office. He had checked on a used copier, but the model that The Office Shop had in stock was a discontinued model and they could no longer get repair parts for the copier. Also, the copier had a high number of copies on it.

Les then discussed the list of 2012 Capital projects list that he had given to everyone. The list included the WWTP Lift Station automation and also the WTP Well automation. Due to the high cost of these projects the issues were tabled.

Gina Jenkins gave everyone price lists from 2 different companies for a new drop box. Les Day had asked Terry Robinson, who is doing brick and mortar work at the Wastewater plant and Water plant, to remove the old drop box from inside the wall of the old drive-thru office. Mr. Robinson could not remove the drop box without tearing out the wall around it. The new drop box will be placed in the wall of the business office lobby. The price of the new drop box will be \$889.00.

A Water Ban was discussed. Les said that he has already been using water-saving measures at the water plant to cut down on the plant's usage. Mayor Pavey suggested that there be a 2 week voluntary period for the customers. Then after 2 weeks the situation can be re-evaluated. Also, during this discussion, The Board agreed that the volunteer fire departments must cease from filling new pools for residents, but that residents with existing pools can use water to refill their pools due to evaporation. Phil Starkey motioned to approve the 2 week voluntary period. Butch Singleton seconded the motion. The motion carried. Les will notify the newspaper and the radio stations.

Phil Starkey told the board that he had checked the claims for the month. Phil motioned to approve the claims. Butch Singleton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mayor Pavey said that the Rushville City Council is requesting that City Utilities notify them of when the City Utilities' 2013 budget will be presented this year.

Butch Singleton asked Mayor Pavey if there were plans to run city water mains outside of the city limits on Highway 52 West to Pioneer Hi-Bred International. Mayor Pavey stated that he will need to check with Pioneer's management and then he will notify the Board members.

Jeff Peters of Wessler & Associates told everyone that he would be writing a letter to INDOT to have the old drive-thru located on the west side of the Water plant taken out of the Highway 52 project.

Michael Singleton motioned to adjourn. Tim Sheehan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The next meeting will be August 15, 2012 at 5:00 P.M.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.